

EXAMINING BOARD OF SOCIAL WORKERS, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY
THERAPISTS AND PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS
SOCIAL WORKER'S SECTION
SEPTEMBER 18, 2001

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cornelia Gordon-Hempe, Anita Kropf, Virginia Heinemann,
Douglas Knight, Muriel Harper

LEGAL COUNSEL: John Schweitzer

STAFF PRESENT: Kimberly Nania, Jan Neitzel

GUESTS: Jason Beloungy, Diane Cox, and Gail M. Johnson, NASW
Joanne Barndt, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
Lynette Enlow, Upper Iowa University-Madison

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Cornelia Gordon-Hempe called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Amendments: -Class I hearing postponed
-Discussion to waive continuing education credits
-Discussion of having social workers addresses on the web
-Discussion of bill 96 relating to psychotherapy
-Sending continuing education audit letters
-Closed Session discussion of training not temporary certificates

The Section added visitor's comments to the agenda.

MOTION: Virginia Heinemann moved, seconded by Muriel Harper, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF DRAFT MINUTES OF AUGUST 15, 2001

MOTION: Douglas Knight moved, seconded by Muriel Harper, to approve the Minutes of August 15, 2001, as written. Motion carried unanimously.

SECRETARY OSCAR HERRERA

Secretary Oscar Herrera conveyed his sadness relating to the acts of terrorism in New York and Washington, DC.

The Secretary discussed the proposed changes that will improve the efficiency within the Department and that the Department will not eliminate any positions due to the Department's reserve fund that will help cover the budget cuts.

Secretary Herrera closed by stating that Section members can have their questions forwarded to the Bureau Director, Kim Nania, and he will be glad to discuss them. The Secretary stated that he understands the role of the sections and the boards and thanks them for their work and dedication.

PRESENTATION OF PROPOSED STIPULATIONS

There were no stipulations.

SUMMARY REPORTS ON PENDING COURT CASES, DISCIPLINARY CASES AND ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

These reports were informational.

LEGISLATIVE STATUS REPORT ON BILL DRAFTING REQUESTS

None.

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED RULES RELATING TO THE SOCIAL WORKER TEMPORARY CERTIFICATE TO CONFORM TO A NEW PROCEDURE FOR COMPUTERIZED EXAMINATIONS

The hearing began at 9:35 with the introduction read by Cornelia Gordon-Hempe. There was one faxed letter that was read to the Section and one person who spoke in favor of the changes relating to the temporary certificate and the computerized examination. All written comments are due by October 2, 2001.

Barb Showers recommended keeping "failure of" in SFC 3.11 line 7.

John Schweitzer stated that by keeping "failure of" in SFC 3.11, line 7, the temporary certificate would expire upon notification of exam results.

The hearing adjourned at 9:39 a.m.

MOTION: Douglas Knight moved, seconded by Virginia Heinemann, to reinsert "failure of" in SFC 3.11 line 7. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED RULES RELATING TO THE MINIMUM NUMBER OF HOURS TO BE REQUIRED IN A SOCIAL WORKER TRAINING CERTIFICATE INTERNSHIP

The hearing relating to SFC 13.11(1)(a) began at 9:35 with the introduction read by Cornelia Gordon-Hempe. All written comments are due by October 2, 2001.

Gail Johnson, President of NASW-Wisconsin, spoke in favor of direct supervision by a person holding at least a BSW or CSW during the social work training certificate internship. Ms. Johnson also stated that NASW is in favor of the length of the internship should be 400 hours.

The hearing concluded at 9:44 a.m.

Legal counsel stated that the Assembly and the Senate introduced two different substitute amendments, with differences relating to insurance.

Legal counsel stated that in the Bill, s. 457.08 (1)(a), Stats., a student may take the basic level examination prior to completing the bachelor degree. The Section would like to add that the school must submit a statement verifying that the student is in good standing and will graduate.

Legal counsel stated that in the Bill, s. 457.08(2), Stats., a person can take the advanced practice exam before completing the master's program if they are certified at the basic level. The Section would like to add that the school submit a statement verifying that the student is in good standing and will graduate.

The Section would like to include the advanced practice, independent and independent clinical social workers to take the exam before completing the master's program.

The Section discussed adding provisions for marriage and family therapists and professional counselors in training to practice psychotherapy.

REQUESTS FOR WAIVERS OF CE REQUIREMENT

The Section reviewed requests for waiver of the CE requirement and directed legal counsel to respond appropriately.

MOTION: Douglas Knight moved, seconded by Muriel Harper, to direct legal counsel to respond to those who requested continuing education waivers. Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION OF HAVING SOCIAL WORKERS ADDRESSES ON THE WEB

The Section discussed the addresses that are listed on the web and recommended that the addresses that are placed on the web should be the work address and not the home address of licensees. The Section would like an article to be written in the next *Regulatory Digest* relating to addresses on the web.

MOTION: Douglas Knight moved, seconded by Anita Kropf, that the information placed on the web not include the addresses of mental health practitioners for the health and safety of social workers.

Muriel Harper amended the motion and was accepted by Douglas Knight.

MOTION: Anita Kropf moved, seconded by Muriel Harper, to amend the motion to say the information placed on the web should not include the addresses of those professionals certified by the social work section of the examining board. Motion carried unanimously.

NASW APPROVAL PROCESS FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION

Gail Johnson, NASW-Wisconsin, stated that NASW does not have the authority to approve continuing education for social workers.

CE AUDIT

Kimberly Nania, Bureau Director, stated that the names have been selected for the continuing education audit and the letters will be sent within the week.

DRAFT LANGUAGE FOR RULE TO REQUIRE INFORMATION REGARDING CONVICTIONS AND PENDING CHARGES UPON RENEWAL

The Section discussed the importance of reporting convictions and pending charges at renewal of certification and that these should be reported at the time they have occurred if it is between the renewal period.

DRAFT LANGUAGE FOR RULE TO REQUIRE CERTIFICATION AS AN APSW OR ISW WHILE OBTAINING 2 YEARS OF SUPERVISED PRACTICE AND TO REQUIRE CERTIFICATION AS AN APSW WHILE OBTAINING 2 YEARS OF SUPERVISED SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE

The Section discussed the requirements that an APSW must have 1600 hours, post-masters, in no less than two years. An ISW would be required to have the 1600 hundred hours in no less than 2 years, post-masters, plus additional courses and hours of supervised psychotherapy practice to become certified as an ICSW.

MOTION: Douglas Knight moved, seconded by Anita Kropf, to require a ISW to have six courses and 600 supervised, direct contact hours in addition to the 1600 hours in not less than 2 years, post-masters. The 600 hours may have been obtained as a practicum in an approved clinical setting while obtaining the master's degree in social work. Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION OF CISW'S BECOMING CICSW'S AND NUMBER OF COURSES/CREDITS NEEDED AND NUMBEDRS OF SUPERVISED HOURS NEEDED IN PSYCHOTHERAPY

The Section recommends that a social work placement should be 600 hours of clinical psychotherapy.

QUESTIONS RELATING TO SUPERVISION

None.

REPORT ON UPPER IOWA

Lynette Enlow, Upper Iowa University, reported that all of the centers now have a copy of the course curriculum for the social work courses offered at Upper Iowa University.

STATUS REPORT ON SCORING ERRORS

Douglas Knight reported that the errors in scoring of the ASWB exam have been corrected.

REPORT OF SCREENING COMMITTEE

Virginia Heinemann reported the Screening Committee reviewed 12 complaints. Four were opened, three were not opened and more information was requested on five.

REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE AND INQUIRIES RECEIVED BY LEGAL COUNSEL

None.

DISCUSSION OF SCREENING AND ENFORCEMENT

The Section discussed closing cases.

MOTION: Virginia Heinemann moved, seconded by Anita Kropf, to assign an advisor to every case that is opened at screening and that all cases and stipulations must be approved by the case advisor before closing. Motion carried unanimously.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: Muriel Harper moved, seconded by Virginia Heinemann, to recess to closed session pursuant to Chapter 19.85(1)(a), (b), (f), and (g), Wis. Stats., for the purpose of reviewing applications, reviewing case status report and consulting with legal counsel. Roll call vote: Cornelia Gordon-Hempe - yes, Muriel Harper – yes, Douglas Knight – yes, Anita Kropf – yes, Virginia Heinemann - yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Open session recessed at 11:42 a.m.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

Cornelia Gordon-Hempe was excused at 3:10 p.m. and Virginia Heinemann chaired the remaining portion of the meeting.

Open session reconvened by consensus at 3:44 p.m.

VOTING ON ITEMS CONSIDERED/DELIBERATED ON IN CLOSED SESSION

APPLICATION REVIEWS

MOTION: Muriel Harper moved, seconded by Anita Kropf, to approve **Kim Charniak, Eva Ebben and Carolyn Essmann** to take the ASWB clinical examination, and to approve **Elizabeth Fixmer, Maria Golden, Ivy Jankowski, Noreen Salzman, Kathleen Shydrowski-Ziemba, and Susan Stehouwer** for ICSW certification. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Muriel Harper moved, seconded by Anita Kropf, to deny the independent clinical social worker applications of **Andrea Bird, Kimberly Fischer, Douglas La Belle, Jenna Peterson, Charles Shults, Theresa Stubblefield, Jodi Vanbendegom-Garavaglia, and Debra Wentz**. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Douglas Knight moved, seconded by Muriel Harper, to request more information from **Suzanne Howe, Leona Stern-Tuomala, and Melanie Wasserman**. Motion carried unanimously.

SWTC APPLICATION REVIEWS

MOTION: Muriel Harper moved, seconded by Douglas Knight, to approve the experience of **Tammy Barthels, Vickie Benes, Tobi Ellsworth, Melanie Fralick, Susan Schaffner, Christina Schroeder, Kristy Spencer-Ewert, Kelly Schepp, and Kathleen Woller**; to deny the experience of **Brooke Dey and Cara Puls**; to approve the coursework of **Jenny Skadah**; and to ask for more information from **Julie Allison, Janice Huber, Kelly Luttrell, and Jill Martins**. Motion carried unanimously.

OTHER SECTION BUSINESS

The Section discussed representation at the ASWB Fall meeting November 9-11, 2001. Douglas Knight will be attending the ASWB fall meeting.

MOTION: Douglas Knight moved, seconded by Muriel Harper, to vote by ballot for the delegate for the ASWB fall meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

The Section voted by ballot for the ASWB delegate, Anita Kropf abstained. Anita Kropf was selected as the delegate. Cornelia Gordon-Hempe will be the alternate delegate.

SECTION MEMBER RETIREMENT

The Section thanked Virginia Heinemann for her service to the Section and wished her well.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned by consensus at 4:28 p.m.

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